

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, September 8, 2022

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Curtis Barnes, Rob Benchley, and Nelson Eldridge and John Pearl. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director and Linda Roberts – Project Coordinator. *Public:* None.

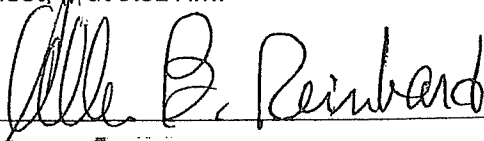
1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made to accept the agenda as presented by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously accepted.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes August 11, 2022:** Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge to approve the minutes of the August 11 meeting minutes, as presented. The motion was unanimously consent.

Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports: Director Willett reported that production and billing continues to be up. Discussion about rainwater and the drought monitoring well at Russell's Way took place. Director Willett continues to monitor the wells and in touch with other water companies in Massachusetts and local irrigation contractors who are starting to slow down irrigation. Director Willett will reach out to Dr. Person to run the model again with updated data and to use this for planning for anticipated future needs.

5. **Director's review and update:**
 - a. **West of Airport Main Project** – Director Willett provided updates the properties west of the airport. He has been working with Chuck Larson and the engineer from CDM. Water lines will be expanded accessing PFAS grant funds.
 - b. **Water Resources Department** - Director Willett will be working with the Sewer Department to implement a storm water maintenance plan. Collaboration will include street sweeping, maintenance, and repair of storm water drains.
 - c. **Sewer Force Main** – Crews from Robert B. Our are starting up again to do the sewer force main and replace water at the same time. Roads will be disrupted while the work is ongoing. Eight consultants are working on the project.
 - d. **Solar update** – The Nantucket Land Council and the Monomoy Association are taking legal action to stop the project siting article 97 for the protection of water resources. Mass DEP and National Grid support the project.
 - e. **Staff** – The current staffing which reflects the reduction of staff who retired or resigned, and workflow continues. We haven't had an office staff of three people since 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously voted to authorize the Director to award merit pay as consistent with past practices.

6. **Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending** – Requests for bids for landscaping services, bill printing and supply and delivery of miscellaneous materials parts and supplies will be advertised soon with bids due in October.
7. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** The crew hired to work at Sankaty Lighthouse are here and continuing their work.
8. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 9:32 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____

Oct 13, 2022

Meeting packet included 9/8/22 Agenda, water production billing and rainfall reports.